

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 7 and 11 to 18 are pending. The Examiner's indication that the pending claims contain allowable subject matter, except for the double patenting rejection is acknowledged with appreciation.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection under Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1 to 7 and 11 to 18 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,672,209 B1.

A terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,672,209 B1 is filed herewith.

Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

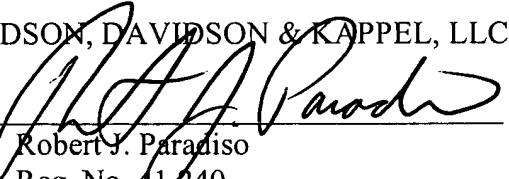
CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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